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Councilman District 6



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Dear District 6 Constituents and Friends,

The past few months have been very busy as the seasons change from Winter to Spring. Many projects in the district have been completed and many more are still under way. As such I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a few of these projects and events my office has worked on in line with the District 6 Strategies and Tactics, created as an outcome of the continued dialogue between my office and the community. I look forward to a busy Summer and continuing to ensure an open line of communication between my office and the residents of District 6.

Sincerely in Service,

Ray Lopez,
CITY COUNCILMAN, District 6

NSA Garage Door Issue

In January of this year my office received a number of inquiries from citizens that their garage door opening systems were not functioning properly. It was determined that the cause of this problem is a new Land Mobile Radio (LMR) system now being operated at 7700 Potranco by the Federal Government to communicate with emergency services personnel (i.e., fire, police, EMS, etc.). Land Mobile Radios operate in the same frequency range-380 Megahertz (MHz) to 399.9 MHz-as many unlicensed low-powered garage door openers. Consumers across the country located near Federal Agencies with an LMR system have experienced interference to their garage door opener controls that may reduce the operating distance or cause the device to stop operating.

The government owns a wide range of radio frequencies, but many common household devices have been allowed to operate in these same frequencies by the Federal Communications System (FCC). These devices are known as Part 15 devices. Part 15 devices are unlicensed and include baby monitors, cordless telephones, computers, garage door opener remote controls, wireless mice, radio-controlled toys, wireless headsets, and many other common devices. These devices are usually low-power and not under continuous use. Garage door openers operate, legally, under Part 15 of the FCC rules. However, as an unlicensed device, the consumer has no right to protection from interference from government transmitters that are required to operate within these frequencies. Manufacturers of garage door openers chose these frequencies for their

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Important Numbers

Emergency	911
SAPD Non-Emergency	207-7273
Fire Non-Emergency	207-7744
Park Police	207-8590
Municipal Court.....	207-8970
Senior Services.....	207-7172
Parks & Recreation.....	207-8480
Animal Care Services	207-4738
Graffiti Abatement Program	207-5430
City Customer Service	311
Public Works	207-8022
Solid Waste Management.....	207-6470
Library	207-2500
City of San Antonio Job Line.....	207-7280
United Way Help Line	211
San Antonio Food Bank	337-3663
CPS Energy	353-2222
SAWS	704-7297

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Economic Development

Demolition of District 6 Drug Houses by Dangerous Assessment Response Team (DART)

In an effort to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods, DART has eliminated various houses in D6 due to a history of habitual criminal or code violations. The properties were deemed to be neighborhood nuisances due to habitual use of the property for illegal activity as well as substandard living conditions. The properties demolished in District 6 are: 5015 Pharis, 851 S. San Bernardo, 7102 Cloverfield, 6703 Monterey, and 1831 Barney. Councilman Ray Lopez is committed to providing safe neighborhoods through working closely with neighborhood associations and neighborhood groups.



Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research

Councilman Lopez and staff attended a tour of the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research hosted by Kenneth Trevett, President and CEO and Joseph Carey, Vice President for Public Affairs. The tour covered the departments of Genetics, Department of Virology and Immunology, the Southwest Primate Research Center and other scientific resources. With information provided from this meeting, Councilman Lopez proposed a joint study involving the Southwest Foundation and Haven for Hope for possible links between addiction, homelessness and genetic predisposition for addiction. A follow up meeting on this issue was held with Kenneth Trevett and Dr. Ann Hutchinson Meyers, Vice President for Transformational Services, Haven for Hope.

Infrastructure and Growth

Los Jardines Narrow Streets Project

During a mid-summer 2009 neighborhood meeting, residents of the following streets indicated that they were experiencing difficulty with their newly-renovated streets in the Los Jardines area. The streets are Delta, Durant, Marietta, Oklahoma and Purcell. After holding several meetings with the residents of the area, the consensus of the community present indicated that to alleviate the problem of cars parking on sidewalks, parking on both sides of the narrow streets making emergency vehicular traffic impossible, was to recommend to Councilman Lopez the streets have “No Parking” signs placed on both sides of the streets. In addition, double center yellow lines will be placed in the middle of the streets and current mailboxes will be removed and replaced with community mailboxes. The city departments that assisted with this are Code Compliance, SAPD, SAFD, City Manager’s Office, Public Works and the Post Office. All of these projects have been completed. While residents still experience some “getting used to” the signage and post office mailbox realignments, they can be assured that this project is intended to create a safer neighborhood.



Ride-Along with City Departments

To gain a better understanding of the pressing issues that face each City of San Antonio Department as well as the needs of District 6, Councilman Lopez has begun to embark on ride-alongs with various city department. He has done several ride-alongs with the Solid Waste Department, San Antonio Police Department, San Antonio Fire Department and San Antonio EMS. He also has scheduled upcoming visits with other departments.



1604 Area Improvements

The Culebra Creek Park Land/Acquisition is a city funded improvements program for parks that includes utility infrastructure, access road and access gate installation. The Culebra Creek Regional Storm Water Facility located at Loop 1604 and Culebra Road is scheduled to be completed in June of 2010. Rogers Road Extension is a right of way acquisition and construction of Rogers Road, and to address the “1604 West” congestion, look for the implementation of super streets.

Health and Safety

January 2010 Town Hall Meeting

Councilman Ray Lopez hosted a successful Town Hall Meeting held at the San Antonio Food Bank on January 25th. Mayor Julian Castro addressed the group along with CPS Energy General Acting Manager Jelynn Le Blanc Burley, Housing & Neighborhood Services Department, SAWS, and VITA from the Department of Community Initiatives. The purpose of the quarterly Town Hall Meetings is to relay information in order to assist District 6 constituents to be able to secure information regarding City of San Antonio (COSA) services.



President's Council ~ Neighborhood Association and Homeowners Association President's Meeting

Councilman Ray Lopez held his first President's Meeting mid-February for all the District 6 Presidents and officers of local neighborhood and homeowner's associations. Similar to our January Town Hall Meeting, this event was very well attended. In addition to the information covered during this interactive meeting, Commissioner Paul Elizondo presented the projects with District 6 that he has underway. Topping the list was the "super street" along Hwy 151 and Loop 1604 followed by county assistance given to the drainage issue in the Rodriguez Park area. Other City of San Antonio Departments that presented information and assistance available was Housing and Neighborhood Services Department, Customer Service (311) and SAPD SAFTE Officers community information. The purpose of this meeting was to relay information regarding the communication process in order to connect District 6 constituents to COSA services.

Holiday Luncheon

District 6 Senior Holiday Luncheon was held December 17th at the Holiday Inn Northwest/SeaWorld located off 151. This hotel has the distinction of being Texas' "greenest and first certified LEED hotel. The luncheon was well attended by senior groups from Bethel/Community Workers Council, Jewett Circle, St. Jude's, O'Keefe and Virginia Gill senior centers.



Present at the event were Congressman Ciro Rodriguez, Mayor Julian Castro, Trustee Annie Holmes NISD, Trustee Lucy Hall EISD, staff from State Rep. Liebowitz office as well as Police Chief William McManus. Father Eric J. Ritter, Pastor at St. Dominic Catholic Church provided a blessing for the event.



At the luncheon, seniors were provided with door prizes, music and a great holiday meal catered by the Holiday Inn. Also present and supporting us in this event was Penny Herring, Director of Sales for Holiday Inn.

Extreme Sweep



Community Workers Council Extreme Target Sweep press conference was held January 23rd. In attendance were Councilman Ray Lopez, Director for Housing and Neighborhood Services Department (HNSD), David D. Garza, along with Cable Westwood President Bonnie Weed. Special thanks for their partnership and hard work goes to St. Mary's University students. Elizabeth Brown, HNSD coordinator, will identify special projects that can be completed in the coming months. Beginning on June 1st this sweep will greatly enhance and bring many opportunities to this neighborhood signifying a major step in our efforts to continue to support, maintain and preserve the quality of life in District 6.



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Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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DISTRICT 6 CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Calendar of Events

District 6 Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, April 27th

Northside Activity Center, 7001 Culebra @ 6:00pm

Presentations & discussions with:

- o City of San Antonio Departments: CIMS, Public Works and Parks & Recreation
- o State Representative Jose Menendez & Scott Ericksen, Metropolitan Planning Organization
- o Northside Independent School District Bond Initiative

“Lopez Live: Community Empowerment” TV Show

Show will air on Channel 21 at the following times:

Mondays at 4:00pm

Tuesdays at 9:30pm

Wednesdays at 11:00am

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transmitting and receiving devices because of their limited use and because they believed the risk of interference to the consumer would be limited. If an LMR system causes a garage door opener or Part 15 device to malfunction, then, by law, the consumer must accept the interference, since the government is legally operating within their mandated frequency ranges. The Federal Government agreed and shut down the LMR from Jan 29th - March 1st which provided time for the community to retrofit garage door openers and any other devices that were affected by the LMR.

The effective transmission range of the LMR is up to 15 miles. To remedy the problem, you should call the manufacturer of your garage door opener or see your local garage door opener dealer. Buying a new garage door opener is probably not necessary, but you may need to purchase a retrofit to your remote control system to allow operation on a frequency that is not used by the LMR system.